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SUBJECT: NATO DEFENSE INITIATIVES: COMMENT ON PO/77/86

REF: (A) STATE 122478 (DTG 270009Z MAY 77), (B) USNATO  
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1. WE HAVE TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY THE FINAL TEXT OF  
SYG LUNS' PO/77/86 ON NATO DEFENSE PLANNING -- LONG-TERM  
PROGRAM AND SHORT-TERM MEASURES. DPC WILL MEET TO  
DISCUSS THIS PO, ACCORDING TO OUR LATEST INFORMATION,  
JUNE 3 REPEAT 3. BASED ON WASHINGTON VIEWS REF A, AS  
WELL AS OUR MORE GENERAL COMMENTS REF B, WE PROPOSE AT  
JUNE 3 DPC MEETING TO SUPPORT THE THRUST OF PO/77/86,  
PRAISING ITS PROMISE OF SPEEDY ACTION WITHIN THE  
ALLIANCE TO GET THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM STARTED,  
AND THE FLEXIBILITY IT CONTAINS TO ACCOMMODATE VARIOUS  
ORGANIZATIONAL APPROACHES TO PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT.  
SPECIFIC POINTS OF CONCERN ARE:

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- A. THE CIRCUMSCRIBED ROLE OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE.  
WE PROPOSE NOT TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT, BUT IF IT IS  
RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO SUPPORT A  
PROCEDURE WHEREBY THE MC WOULD COMMENT FORMALLY  
(I.E., IN WRITING) ON INDIVIDUAL FINAL PROGRAMS AND  
MAJOR PROGRESS REPORTS SIMULTANEOUSLY AS EWG WORKS ON  
THEM.

- B. INITIAL PAPERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE EWG BY TASK FORCE DIRECTORS SHOULD INCLUDE A GENERAL LINE OF ACTION AND TENTATIVE TIME-TABLE FOR PREPARATION OF REPORTS, AS WELL AS DETAILED TERMS OF REFERENCE, INCLUDING PERSONNEL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS.

- C. THE NEED FOR THESE INITIAL REPORTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY 1 JULY, RATHER THAN 15 JULY.

- D. THE NEED FOR AN EWG MEETING WITH POLICY-LEVEL REPRESENTATION FROM CAPITALS IN MID-JULY, AS WELL AS THE MORE GENERAL NEED FOR REINFORCED EWG MEETINGS.

2. IN GENERAL, WE BELIEVE THAT SYG LUNS AND THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF ARE MOVING OUT SMARTLY AND IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION IN GETTING THIS PROGRAM LAUNCHED. MANY DETAILS WILL, OF COURSE, HAVE TO BE RESOLVED, BUT THIS CAN BE DONE APPROPRIATELY IN SUBSEQUENT EWG OR, IF NECESSARY, DPC MEETINGS. WE ARE COMMENTING SEPARATELY ON HOW OUR EMBASSIES IN ALLIED CAPITALS CAN HELP IN PROMOTING SUPPORT OF PO/77/86 BY ALLIED PERMREPS AT THE JUNE 3 DPC MEETING, AND PURSUANT TO REF B, WE WILL BE CARRYING OUT OUR OWN CONSULTATIONS AT EVERE TOWARD THAT END.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY OOB, JUNE 3. BENNETT

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